CHAPTER 5: COMMITTEE RULES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEES, BOARDS, PANELS AND COMMISSIONS. (BOD 11/06)

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All AHA programs and events deadlines must be met as specified, whether submitted by hand delivery, postal service, fax, e-mail, internet, or other electronic means. (BOD 8/00)

References to Committees includes Committees, Commissions, Boards, Panels, Ad Hocs and Task Forces.

CBP 101. COMMITTEES - GENERAL RULES

1. For all membership requirements refer to Chapter 7. Individual Adult Membership is required for all Committee Members unless the committee description and makeup are prescribed otherwise.
2. The committees of Arabian Horse Association (AHA) serve a very important function in the membership communication process. The measurable success of the organization is based upon the activity and energy of these groups. To those who serve, AHA expresses appreciation for their dedication.
3. If you are interested in serving on any committee,
   a. Committee chairs/members must be members of AHA unless the committee description and make-up are prescribed otherwise.
   b. You should first determine how frequently that committee meets and whether you are willing to make the commitment of time, energy and money required to attend those meetings. No reimbursements will be made or budgeted for any individual expenses in conjunction with the AHA Annual Convention.
   c. Ask your Regional Director for guidance before signing up.
4. The duties of committee members are,
   a. Identify issues of concern that should be brought to the committee.
   b. Represent the concerns of the members of Member Organizations in the Region to the committee.
   c. Heighten awareness of relevant issues, stimulate input and plan appropriate projects, gather ideas and information.
5. The administration of AHA rules, policies and procedures, and all business transactions including but not limited to contract negotiations, budgeting and the handling of funds, will be the responsibility of AHA staff with the approval of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors (BOD) of AHA. (Refer to CBP 102 & CBP 103)
6. The Agenda and Resolutions Committee shall make referrals of proposed resolutions and the Convention agenda to committees. The failure of a committee to report on a proposed resolution referred to it shall be construed as a recommendation for the resolution.
7. All committees will submit a written report on the Committee Report form provided by the AHA office to the Board of Directors a minimum of three times a year. These Committee reports are due thirty days prior to the Board meetings each year, with the exception of those committees that meet in conjunction with the AHA Board meeting who will submit their report at that time. (BOD 5/98)
8. All members of committees will adhere to the AHA Code of Ethics and Sportsmanship Conduct and the AHA Member Code of Conduct at all times.
9. All committees and their members will adhere to the rules, policies, and procedures of AHA at all times. Exceptions must have prior approval of the Executive Committee or Board of Directors of AHA.
10. No Committee Chair on behalf of a Committee shall make a recommendation to the Board of Directors without first having received the required number of votes of that Committee on any item of business either in person, by mail or other forms of communication, and all recommendations shall be accompanied by an actual tally of the votes received. (Res. 41-74)
11. Duties of the Committee Chair are,
    a. Work with the other Committee members to address concerns and carry out projects throughout the year.
    b. Be a catalyst to facilitate communication to and from the Regions and Member Organizations.
    c. Send communications to all Committee members, the AHA Board of Directors, and the Staff or Board Liaison (BOD 8/10) within the first week of each Board of Directors meeting. The AHA President, or his/her designee, shall send a letter to all committee chairs who failed to submit a committee report to the Board of Directors advising said Chair that failure to submit a committee report to the Board of Directors for the next meeting, or future meeting, shall result in immediate removal of said chair and appointment of the committee Vice Chair or other designated individual as Chair effective upon notification. Further, said removed Committee Chair shall be ineligible to serve as any Committee Chair for AHA for a period of one year from the date of said removal. (BOD 8/10)
    d. Committee Chairs and Committee Members are also encouraged to communicate by phone, fax, e-mail and the Internet. The primary intra-committee communications shall be by e-mail. (BOD 5/07)
    e. AHA will appoint a Staff Liaison to assist the Chairs. (BOD 5/07)

    Their responsibilities would include:
    - Tabulating applications for committee membership,
    - providing committee membership lists to Chairs,
    - assisting in election of the committee Chairs (if applicable),
    - monitoring periodic reports by the Chairs,
    - periodically soliciting and tabulating performance evaluations of committees by their members,
    - periodically reporting committee performance to the Executive Committee,
    - disseminating committee reports to all AHA members.
12. Failure to comply with any of these policies may result in the termination of an individual's responsibilities as a committee member at the discretion of the AHA Board of Directors.

CBP 102. CONTRACTS AND AUTHORITY TO BIND AHA

1. No officer, member, employee, or agent of AHA acting on behalf of AHA may enter into any transaction for AHA in which such person or any member of such person's immediate family (as defined by USEF/EC) has a direct or indirect financial interest without prior approval of the Board of Directors after a full disclosure of the facts. (BOD 5/93)
2. No officer or director of AHA shall vote on any matter in which such person or any member of such person's immediate family (as defined by USEF/EC) has a direct or indirect financial interest or a direct personal interest without prior approval of the Board of Directors after a full disclosure of the facts. (BOD 5/93)
3. When designated confidential, any information or material given or distributed to the officers, directors and/or committee members (as defined in Chapter 5) of AHA shall be kept confidential and not further passed on or disseminated.
4. Contracts and Agreements.
   a. Contracts and agreements which exceed the signature authority of staff in terms of monetary value or have duration of more than one year shall

be referred to the Executive Committee or the President for prior approval.

b. All contracts and agreements must be signed by the President and/or the ~~Executive Director~~ Chief Executive Officer or, in matters pertaining to the Judges and Stewards Commissioner's office, by the President and/or the Judges and Stewards Commissioner.

c. All contracts and agreements must be maintained at the Association's headquarters. AHA will not be responsible for or rely upon verbal agreements.

d. Non-financial agreements such as trades or exchanges that have a monetary value over $50 must be documented. All such agreements (verbal, trades, or exchanges) must be documented and confirmed in writing by the appropriate authorities representing both parties. (BOD 5/93) (BOD 8/96)

e. All contracts pertaining to an AHA National Championship Show must be reviewed and approved by the appropriate show commission prior to the contracts being presented to the President, Executive Committee or ~~Executive Director~~ Chief Executive Officer for approval. This process must be done in a timely manner, so the President, Executive Committee or ~~Executive Director~~ Chief Executive Officer has a minimum of fourteen days to review and discuss the contracts prior to their discussion for final approval. (BOD 11/98) (BOD 1/99)

CBP 103. BUDGETS

1. Compliance with budgets is the responsibility of both the respective Chair and Staff Liaison. Budgets will be adhered to by all committee members and closely monitored by both the Chair and Staff Liaison. Anticipated or needed expenditures in excess of budgeted amounts must have prior approval of the Executive Committee or Board of Directors of AHA. Events or changes that negatively impact the Association's fund balance must be reported immediately to the Executive Committee.
2. All documents and records pertaining to the Association's business will be maintained at the Association's headquarters. Any member in possession of applicable documents and/or records must forward them to the respective Staff Liaison or the ~~Executive Director~~ Chief Executive Officer in the Association's headquarters.
3. All Association bank accounts will be established by and maintained at the Association's headquarters. All funds will be handled by AHA staff in accordance with established accounting procedures under the direction of the AHA Treasurer. No committee or any of their members shall approve or make arrangements for the handling of funds outside of these established accounting procedures.

CBP 104. EFFECTIVE DATE OF BOARD MOTIONS AND RULE CHANGES. (Also see CHAPTER 9, RULE 105)

1. If not otherwise permitted by these rules to be effective immediately, the Board may make any motion effective immediately if designated as such and passed by a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors.
2. The August Board meeting will be the last meeting for rule changes to be incorporated in the Handbook. (**Exception**: rule changes after the August Board of Directors meeting will require a 2/3 vote of the Board to be included in the Handbook). (BOD 8/98)

CBP 105. VACANCIES

1. Except where vacancy procedures are specifically defined in the AHA Handbook:

   a. All vacancies on committees elected by the AHA Convention Delegates will be replaced by the person with the next highest votes received by the vote at that Convention and if none, will be elected by the Board of Directors at its next regular meeting (**Exception**: Ethical Practice Review Board and Probable Cause Panel – See ETHICS 106.4 and ETHICS 107.4);

   b. All vacancies on committee elected by AHA Board of Directors shall be replaced by election of the AHA Board of Directors.

   c. All vacancies on committees appointed by the President will be replaced by the President.

   d. All vacancies of Purebred Arabian Trust appointees will be replaced by the Purebred Arabian Trust.

CBP 106 QUORUMS AND OPEN MEETINGS (BOD 5/07)

1. For all committees doing business in person, by conference call or by other electronic means, a quorum shall be 10 members of the committee or 50% of the committee membership, whichever is less. (Note: Some committees have a different quorum stated in their charter. In those cases, the existing quorum requirement remains unchanged.) (BOD 8/98)
2. All committee meetings at Convention, both Tier A and Tier B, shall be open to any AHA member, unless specifically authorized by the AHA President to be closed.

CBP 107 CHAIR LIMITATIONS (BOD 5/07)

1. A person may serve as a Chair of no more than one standing committee. This does not apply to ad hoc committees. In an exceptional case the Executive Committee may override this limitation.

CBP 108 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE LIMITATIONS (Res. 5-08)

1. No individual, who is a member of the Executive Committee may serve as a chair of Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Commission, Budget & Finance Committee, Market Development and Promotion Committee, Registration Commission, Sport Horse National Show Commission, U.S. National Show Commission or Youth/Mid-Summer National Show Commission.
2. No individual (except the AHA Treasurer), who is a member of the Executive Committee Members of the Arabian Horse Association may serve on more than one of the following: Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Commission, Budget & Finance Committee, Market Development and Promotion Committee, Registration Commission, Sport Horse National Show Commission, U.S. National Show Commission or Youth/Mid-Summer National Show Commission.

CBP 109 TIER "A" COMMITTEES (BOD 5/07)

As defined herein, Tier "A" Committees are elected or appointed, and Tier "B" Committees may be volunteers without election or appointment. Tier A Chairs may not serve more than four years in succession. In an exceptional case the Executive Committee may override this limitation.

1. **PRESIDENT APPOINTED/DEFINED COMMITTEES**

   a. Appointed committees serve at the pleasure of the AHA President who is an ex-officio member of these groups. The President may designate a representative to be a member.

   b. Committee chairs are appointed by the President and serve at the pleasure of the President unless prescribed otherwise by committee description. All committee chairs automatically expire at the end of each AHA Convention unless otherwise stipulated. (BOD 1/95)

   c. Any Committee Chair that fails to chair a scheduled meeting and has not provided for a substitute is automatically terminated as Chair.

   d. This is an annual process.

   e. Members appointed to committees are to be selected from the volunteers who are most willing, able, and qualified to participate, and there is to be no arbitrary limitation to the number of members from each or any Region (other than a limit to the total membership of the committee) that can be appointed to any AHA Appointed Committee. (Res. 12-88)

   f. President Appointed Committees that have a definition and a limitation of members:
      - Agenda and Resolutions Committee
      - Annual Convention Planning Committee (BOD 8/24)

- Budget & Finance Committee (One member appointed by Purebred Arabian Trust, One member appointed by Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Commission)
- Bylaws Committee (BOD 8/14)
- Competition Advisory Committee
- Ad Hoc Committees

g. Appointed Committees that have a definition and a limitation of members:
- Local Level Committee (See CBP 111.25)
- National Shows Directorate (See CBP 111.29)
- USEF Arabian Division Committee (Refer to AHA Bylaws, Article XI, Section 1)

2. **CONVENTION ELECTED COMMITTEES**

a. Anyone wishing to serve on any of the elected committees must submit a resume to their Regional Director no later than **September 1** of each year.

b. Each Regional Director shall consider the information and may make nominations for these committees prior to the AHA Annual Convention. In order to have copies of resumes available for delegate packets and names on the ballots, each Regional Director shall forward all nominations and resumes to the AHA office by **September 15** of each year.

c. The election is held at the AHA Annual Convention. Some committees have certain criteria for membership. For example, no more than one member per Region, a member must be an attorney, etc.

3. **ELECTED BY THE CONVENTION (TIER "A")**
- Commissioner's Review Panel
- Ethical Practice Review Board (Nominations may only be made by a Director of the AHA Board.)
- Judges Selection Committee
- Nominating Committee
- Probable Cause Panel

4. **BOARD ELECTED COMMITTEES**

a. Convention Delegates requested that their Member Organizations have more input into the board elected positions. As a result, the following procedure has been adopted:

i. **Step 1**: **April 1**. All Member Organization presidents will be notified prior to **April 1** of each year that they may put forth the name of a qualified individual for consideration by the Executive Committee. A job description will be enclosed with the notification which will detail the time involved, the experience necessary, and other facts relative to election to the committee involved. The presidents will also be notified that a thorough resume must accompany each nomination.

ii. **Step 2**: **June 1**. All nominations must be sent to the AHA office and postmarked/electronic transaction dated (BOD 8/00) no later than **June 1**. A nomination will not be accepted if it is not accompanied by a thorough resume for the person nominated.

iii. **Step 3**: **June 10** (or first workday following **June 10**). AHA staff will have assembled and have ready for distribution the names of the nominees and their resumes.

iv. **Step 4: June 10-July 1**. The Executive Committee members will review the nominees and their resumes for the committees during the first two weeks of July. (BOD 8/05)

v. **Step 5:** The Executive Committee will determine a suitable selection procedure. No more than three candidates shall be selected. The selected candidates will be added to the ballot to be voted on by the Board of Directors. Their resumes will be distributed to the Board of Directors with the resumes of those nominated by BOD members.

5. **ELECTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (TIER "A")**
- AHA Futurity Commission
- AHA National Distance Commission
- Education/Evaluation Commission
- Internal Audit Committee
- Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Commission
- Resolution 5-90 Committee
- Sport Horse National Show Commission
- U.S. National Show Commission
- Youth/Mid-Summer National Show Commission
- Three members of the Market Development and Promotion Committee
- Three members of the Registration Commission (Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Registry members)
- Four members of the Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Trust (may not be serving concurrently on the Sweepstakes Commission) (BOD 8/18)

6. PUREBRED ARABIAN TRUST APPOINTMENTS (TIER "A")
- Refer to AHA Bylaws, Chapter 2, Article XI, Section 3.a and 4.a
- Three members of the Market Development and Promotion Committee.
- Six members of the Racing Committee (Arabian Jockey Club Executive Committee).
- Three members of the Registration Commission (Arabian Registry members).
- One member of the Budget & Finance Committee.

7. **ELECTED BY LICENSED JUDGES AND STEWARDS (TIER "A")**
- Refer to CBP 111.24
- Refer Judges and Stewards Steering Committee

8. **ELECTED BY ARABIAN HORSE YOUTH ASSOCIATION (AHYA) MEMBERS (TIER "A")**
- Refer to Chapter 23, Article 3, Section 3
- AHYA Board

9. **APPOINTED BY THE FOUNDATION (ARABIAN HORSE FOUNDATION)**
- Refer to CBP 113
- www.thearabianhorsefoundation.org

CBP 110. TIER "B" COMMITTEES

1. Any AHA member wishing to serve on a Tier "B" Committee must complete the committee sign-up on the AHA website. Tier "B" Committee members serve for one year. Annual sign up is required by completing an AHA Committee Sign up (form or web) to continue serving in the upcoming year.
2. All Tier B committees as defined in the Handbook will report to and be accountable to the National Council. The Board of Directors has the authority to change the reporting responsibility of the committees and commissions. (Res. 1-25) If changed, Committee chairs are appointed by the President and serve at the pleasure of the President. (BOD 8/11)
3. Appointed Tier B Chairs shall have two-year terms. The term of office shall be from the close of the Convention following election to the close of the Convention two years later. The Chair may not serve more than two terms in succession. In an exceptional case the Executive Committee may override this limitation. A vacancy in the office of Chair shall be filled by the Vice-Chair. (BOD 8/11)
4. A member of the Executive Committee may not chair a Tier B Committee. (BOD 8/15)

5. **TIER "B" COMMITTEE LIST (BOD 5/07)**
- Amateur Committee
- Awards Committee
- Breeding/In-Hand Committee
- Distance Riding Committee

- Dressage/Western Dressage Committee
- Equine Welfare
- Equitation/Showmanship Committee
- Hunter/Jumper Committee
- Membership Committee
- Professional Horsemen Committee
- Sport Horse Committee
- Working Western Committee
- Youth Committee

CBP 111. COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND PANELS

1. **AGENDA AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE (TIER "A") (Res. 18-88)**
This committee shall be a three-member committee appointed by the President, serving three-year terms with one term ending each year. Terms of office shall be **April 1 to March 31**. (Res. 78-89) Members may be re-appointed for additional terms. Members so appointed must:
   a. Be in good standing with AHA at all times during their terms of office.
   b. Have been an AHA member 10 years or more.
   c. Have been Chair of one or more AHA committees.
   d. Have served as a Delegate to the AHA Convention a minimum of three years.
   e. Have been an officer or director of AHA or possess background experience equal to such service.
   f. This committee shall be responsible for:
      i. Reviewing, organizing, and researching the impact of each resolution upon AHA.
      ii. In cooperation with AHA staff, publishing all resolutions passed, tabled, and/or referred by the Convention Delegates on the AHA website and/or in AHA's publication.
      iii. Working with AHA staff to incorporate changes resulting from resolutions passed by the Convention into the AHA Handbook and printed information distributed by AHA.
      iv. Working with the President and staff to prepare the agenda for the Annual Convention, obtaining required reports for Convention Delegates required by action at the prior year's Convention, and scheduling committee meetings.
      v. Updating the Resolution Forms as needed. (BOD 11/97)

2. **AHA FUTURITY COMMISSION (TIER "A")**
   a. Functions by majority vote under such Rules and Regulations as it may establish from time to time and shall have authority to promote, regulate, operate and manage the U.S. National Halter Futurity program and the Performance Futurity/Maturity/Derby Program with AHA Board of Directors approval.
   b. The Commission shall consist of six members and the Treasurer. Two members elected annually by the Board of Directors for three-year rotating terms. No more than two members elected from a Region.
   c. At the Annual Convention after the election results are known and before **December 15** of each year, the Commission shall elect from its members a Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary. (BOD 1/98)

3. **AHA NATIONAL DISTANCE COMMISSION (TIER "A") (BOD 11/07)**
   a. Promotes, regulates, operates, and manages the AHA National Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Competitive Trail Ride and the AHA National Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Endurance Ride and such other events of national or international prestige as approved by the AHA Board of Directors, subject to the following limitations:
      i. The budget for each ride shall be submitted to and approved by the AHA Board of Directors;
      ii. The commission shall be bound by the bylaws of AHA and the resolutions of the membership and the motions of the AHA Board of Directors adopted in accordance with such bylaws.
   b. The Commission shall select such Ride Manager and designate such committee or committees as it deems necessary to carry out its responsibility.
   c. Five members elected by Board of Directors for three-year rotating terms (terms to start on **January 1** of the following elected year and run through **December 31** of the third year). No more than two members per Region.
   d. At the Annual Convention after the election results are known and before **December 15** of each year, the Commission shall elect from its members a Chair and Vice-Chair.

4. **AMATEUR COMMITTEE (TIER "B")**
   a. Sets up standards of conduct and ethics typical of an amateur group.
   b. Promotes and extols sportsmanship and fair play both on and off the show grounds.
   c. Suggests programs whereby knowledge and experience may be imparted to appropriate groups of AHA.

5. **ANNUAL CONVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TIER "A")**
   a. Will consist of three to five members and will assist the AHA office in fundraising for convention as well as volunteering at the annual convention.
   b. Works closely with AHA office in determining the suitability of future convention sites, both city and hotel.
   c. Advises the President on overall Convention program.
   d. Will be responsible for organizing and executing a successful event that aligns with the Arabian Horse Association's mission, values, and goals. The Committee will work closely with the AHA office and President in the following areas:
      - planning, venue research and selection,
      - program development including agenda, keynote speakers, panels, workshops, entertainment,
      - developing promotional and sponsorship materials as well as soliciting sponsorships,
      - coordinating volunteer and staff needs,
      - create post-event survey and review feedback from attendees.

6. **ARABIAN BREEDERS SWEEPSTAKES COMMISSION (TIER "A")**
   a. This commission shall function by majority vote under such Rules and Regulations as it may establish from time to time and shall have authority to promote, regulate, operate, and manage the Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes with the Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Trustees approval.
   b. Two members elected by Board of Directors for three-year rotating terms. Elected members will be limited to three (3) consecutive terms (Any current commissioner will be allowed to serve out their current term even if it exceeds the 9-year limit). (BOD 3/18) No more than two members elected from a Region.
   c. The following descriptions should be considered when choosing a Sweepstakes Commissioner: (BOD 3/18)
      i. That Individual should have been a breeder for minimum of 5 years.
      ii. Individual should have participated in Sweepstakes by nominating his/her horses for a minimum of 5 years.
      iii. Individual should have been a member of AHA for a minimum of 5 years.
      iv. Individual should have a knowledge of how prize money programs work.
      v. Individual should have business background.
      vi. Individual should have been currently showing actively in both Regional and National levels for a minimum of 5 years in the last 10 years.

vii. Individual must be willing to attend the AHA annual convention each year.

viii. Individual should be willing and able to take responsibility for specific tasks as directed by the Sweepstakes chair.

d. The Treasurer of AHA completes the seven-member commission.

e. At the Annual Convention after the election results are known and before **December 15** of each year, the Commission shall elect from its members a Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary. (BOD 1/98)

7. **ARABIAN BREEDERS SWEEPSTAKES TRUST (TIER "A")**

The Trust shall be made up of eight (8) individuals (BOD 11/20): the current AHA President, the current AHA Treasurer, the current chair of the Sweepstakes Commission, one other member of the Sweepstakes Commission (elected by the Sweepstakes Commission) and four (4) members elected by the AHA Board of Directors each year at the annual convention. (BOD 3/18) These four (4) members must be current or past members of the AHA Board of Directors and may not be concurrently serving on the Sweepstakes Commission. (BOD 8/18) The Chair of the Trust will be appointed by the AHA President from one of the four (4) elected members.

8. **ARABIAN HORSE YOUTH ASSOCIATION BOARD (AHYA) (TIER "A")**

Refer to AHYA Chapter 23, Article 3, Section 3 for Board composition, description, and duties.

9. **AWARDS COMMITTEE (TIER "B")**

a. Studies and makes recommendations on the rules and administration of the Achievement Awards Program.
b. Considers the need for other award programs.
c. Coordinates with other committees on the type of awards given to ensure that equality of awards is maintained.

10. **BREEDING/IN-HAND COMMITTEE (TIER "B") (BOD 4/11)**

Studies and makes recommendations regarding the promotion of the Breeding/In-Hand division and conducts any approved program as necessary.

11. **BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE (TIER "A") (Res. 28-04)**

a. Reviews and makes recommendations on the budget prepared by staff prior to the budget being submitted to the AHA Board of Directors for approval; monitors policies and procedures for the financial and accounting management of the Association and the Breeders Sweepstakes Trust; oversee all Association and Trust investments; makes a continuing and comprehensive study of all possible sources of income and makes recommendations to the AHA Board of Directors and Annual Convention; review and submit recommendations for adjustments to fees charged by AHA (except Adult member dues) (Res. 2B-04) to the AHA Board of Directors for approval, and performs any other duties requested by the AHA Treasurer, Executive Committee or Board of Directors.

b. The Committee shall consist of a minimum of eight voting members: the AHA Treasurer; one voting member appointed by the Purebred Arabian Trust; one voting member appointed by the Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Commission; the remainder of the voting members appointed by the AHA President; plus, two nonvoting members consisting of the AHA Vice President and the Past President (or their appointed representatives).

c. The terms of service for the appointed voting members will be three years. The Committee shall elect its own Chair from one of its voting members by **December 15** of each year. Each appointee shall be a member in good standing with AHA and be familiar with the Association and Arabian Horse industry.

d. A diligent attempt will be made to retain a committee mix that includes members with one or more of the following qualifications or backgrounds: a strong financial background (CPA preferred), an owner/operator/executive background and/or a business planning background.

12. **BYLAWS COMMITTEE (TIER "A")**

Maintains a continual review of the current Bylaws and recommends changes when appropriate.

13. **COMMISSIONER'S REVIEW PANEL (TIER "A") (Res. 3-24)**

a. Reviews the investigations report containing information developed by the Commissioner's office which relates to the allegations of improper conduct on the part of official(s) (judges or stewards).

b. The Panel shall consist of nine (9) members: one currently licensed Arabian judge; one currently licensed USEF Category 2 steward or EC steward; two recognized breeders; one recognized trainer; one show manager or show secretary; two exhibitors who are current holders of amateur cards; one member at large. See below for definition of Amateur, Breeder, and Show Manager/Secretary.

c. At the 1991 Annual Convention, the following criteria were established:

i. Amateur: a person who has held an Amateur card issued by USEF/EC for five years and who has competed at local and Regional events.

ii. Breeder: persons who have had an established Arabian, Half-Arabian, or Anglo-Arabian breeding program for at least ten years, and who stand at stud their own stallions or breed their own mares, and who further are involved in the marketing of breeding or performance horses.

iii. Show Manager/Show Secretary: a person who has managed at least three AHA/USEF/EC Recognized shows during the previous five years, who has demonstrated knowledge of the rules of such shows, has enforced such rules in a fair and impartial manner and who has a reputation for producing an organized and profitable show.

d. The panel members are elected by the Convention Delegates for two-year rotating terms with a limit of six (6) consecutive years of service. Only prospective candidates for the panel who fall within the definitions shall be permitted to run for election.

1) Any vacancy of more than two (2) months that occurs between Convention elections will be filled on an interim basis, upon recommendation of the Commissioner, by the President with approval of a majority of the Board of Directors. (Res. 3-24)

2) The Commissioner can recommend removal by the Executive Committee of a Review Committee member for cause, after a review of the facts by the non-conflicted members of the Review Committee. (Res. 3-24)

e. Review Panel members are ineligible to serve concurrently on the Executive Committee, Judges Selection Committee, Judges & Stewards Steering Committee and/or National Show Commissions. (Res. 51-12 & Res. 3-24)

f. The term of office is **January 1 through December 31** for the term period.

g. At the Annual Convention after the election results are known and before **December 15** of each year, the Panel shall elect one of its members to serve as Chair. (BOD 1/98) **For complete rules refer to Resolution 5-90 as amended.**

14. **COMPETITION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TIER "A")**

a. Gives direction in analyzing any problems encountered in the competition recognition systems, e.g., recognition of competitions, results reporting, and assessing and collection of fees.

b. Evaluates policies and rules and prepares motions for the Board of Directors to update competition rules in the Handbook.

c. ~~Monitors Regional and National point system qualifications and makes recommendations for adjustment of points to the AHA Board of Directors for approval. (BOD 11/21)~~

d. ~~Assures that the number of points qualification system assigned is fair and equitable for all disciplines. (BOD 11/21)~~

e. Has the authority to resolve special cases concerning competitions.

f. This Committee usually meets the day before each Board meeting and as needed. (BOD 11/21)

g. Appointed by President and is comprised of AHA Members with Show experience which includes but not limited to: Show Manager, Show Secretary, Licensed Judge, Steward, exhibitor, a representative of the Amateur Committee, a representative of the Professional Horsemen's Committee, a representative of the Sport Horse Committee, a representative of the Working Western Committee, and if possible, a representative of a National Show Commission, etc. (BOD 8/20) (BOD 11/21)

h. All members (appointed outside non-AHA Board Members and AHA Board Members) are to cover their own travel costs in the event of in-person meetings. (BOD 8/20) (BOD 11/21)

i. Members of the Competition Advisory Committee will be limited to three (3) consecutive two-year terms of appointment with no more than two members per AHA region. (BOD 11/21)

j. The Competition Advisory Committee shall consist of at least nine and no more than eleven members. (BOD 11/21)

15. **DISTANCE RIDING COMMITTEE (TIER "B")**

Cooperates with other trail and endurance ride organizations and other committees of AHA to standardize the rules of competitive trail and endurance riding and to help publicize the outstanding success of the Arabian/Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Horse in this endeavor.

16. **DRESSAGE & WESTERN DRESSAGE COMMITTEE (TIER "B")**

Studies and makes recommendations regarding the promotion of the Arabian/Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Horse in Dressage and Western Dressage and conducts any approved programs as necessary.

17. **EDUCATION/EVALUATION COMMISSION (TIER "A")**

a. Develops educational programs for existing judges and stewards and for prospective judges and stewards (Res. 3-24)

b. Assists in the development of a correspondence program curriculum for use in education of members, judges, and stewards.

c. Provides access for AHA members to attend Exhibitors/Judges School for a reasonable fee.

d. Reviews and make recommendations for the qualifications and requirements for the AHA approved Stewards and Compliance Officials as defined in the Value Show rules. (Res. 3-24)

e. Make specific proposals to the Commissioner for increasing the authority and responsibilities of Stewards and Compliance Officials as defined in the Value Show rules in the enforcement of rules during the conduct of the competition. (Res. 3-24)

f. Evaluates judges relating to the level of competition including specialty areas of expertise, to which a judge should be assigned and takes responsibility for final action on the application of an AHA member to be approved as an AHA approved Judge (Res. 3-24)

g. Develops a training program, approved by the Commissioner, to produce quality judges for AHA Recognized Competition.

h. Assigns levels to Judges (AHA Accredited National/Regional Judge or AHA Accredited Judge) (Res. 3-24)

i. The Commission will consist of eleven (11) members, elected by the Board of Directors for three-year rotating terms (terms to start on **January 1** of the following elected year and run through **December 31** of the third year). One of the members is to be currently licensed as a USEF Category 2 Steward or as an EC Steward. (Res. 15-25) No member may serve more than four (4) consecutive three-year terms. (Res. 3-24)

1) Any vacancy of more than two (2) months that occurs between elections will be filled on an interim basis, upon recommendation of the Commissioner, by the President with approval of a majority of the Board of Directors**.** (Res. 3-24)

2) The Commissioner can recommend removal by the Executive Committee of an EEC member from the Commission for cause, after a review of the facts by the Review Committee. (Res. 3-24)

j. The Commission is to consist of any AHA member who ideally would have relevant experience in the area of educational program development and/or delivery. (Res. 34-98)

k. Members of this Commission will be ineligible to serve on any other judges or stewards committee or commission, any National Show Commissions, or as a national officer of AHA, although the Chair of the EEC may serve as a non-voting liaison to these committees, panels, or commissions. (Res. 3-24)

l. The Education/Evaluation Commission coordinates with the Judges and Stewards Commissioner. (Res. 5-90)

m. The Education/Evaluation Commission has the authority to create and modify the Performance Halter Score Card to meet the needs of this class. (Res. 10-15)

n. At the Annual Convention after the election results are known and before **December 15** of each year, the Commission shall elect one of its members to serve as Chair. (BOD 1/98)

o. For complete description refer to Resolution 5-90 as amended.

18. **EQUINE WELFARE (TIER "B")**

a. Discusses the types of stress-related horse abuse that occurs today and makes recommendations on how to eliminate or reduce stress.

b. Fosters and encourages educational programs, specifically breed improvement and animal husbandry, through seminars and symposiums, either separately or at the Annual Convention.

c. Studies and makes recommendations on related topics of drugs and medication, stress, research contributions and other subjects.

19. **EQUITATION/SHOWMANSHIP COMMITTEE (TIER "B")**

a. Administers and recommends rules for Arabian/Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian equitation and showmanship classes of all types with the exception of Sport Horse (see CBP111.36).

b. Advises and works with USEF/EC Rules, Hunter and Jumper and Youth Activities Committees.

20. **ETHICAL PRACTICE REVIEW BOARD (TIER "A")**

a. Interprets and enforces the AHA Code of Ethics and Sportsmanship in cases brought before it for hearing.

b. Consists of nine members, all of whom shall be members of Member Organizations with AHA, for the duration of their terms of office. One member of the EPRB must hold a senior status Arabian judge's card. One member of the EPRB must be an attorney.

c. The nine members of the EPRB shall be elected by the Delegates to the AHA Annual Convention to serve three-year rotating terms with three terms expiring each year.

d. The AHA Executive Committee members may not serve on the Ethical Practice Review Board and the Executive Committee at the same time. (Res. 7-01)

e. Nominations for the EPRB shall be made by a member of the AHA Board of Directors. Members of the EPRB are eligible for nomination and election to an unlimited number of terms.

f. At the Annual Convention after the election results are known and before **December 15** of each year, the members of the EPRB shall elect one of their members to serve as Chair and one of their members to serve as Vice-Chair. (Res. 68-90) (Res. 38-94)

21. **HUNTER AND JUMPER COMMITTEE (TIER "B")**

a. Encourages the use of Arabians/Half-Arabians/Anglo-Arabians in hunter and jumper classes along with Eventing both in open competition and Arabian shows.

b. Works with USEF/EC Rules and Equitation Committees as well as Youth Activities Committee.

22. **INTERNAL AUDIT COMMITTEE (TIER "A") (Res. 2-07)**

a. Deliverables (BOD 11/22)
   1. Annual recommendation of engagement with an outside auditor to assess, in addition to a standard GAAP Audit, the operating organization's performance with specific governing policies.
   2. Recommendation to the Executive Committee and Board of Directors for engagement of auditor by no later than the Executive Committee meeting held at the Annual Convention of each year.
   3. Review of the Monthly financials engaging the Treasurer and AHA Controller.

b. Authority: To recommend to the Board of Directors the engagement of an outside auditor.

c. Composition: Starting in 2027, Five (5) members to be elected by the Board of Directors; Three (3) audit committee members must be a member of the Board of Directors, and two (2) members must be an AHA Adult Member in good standing. The two members will be elected annually by the Board of Directors. (Res. 13-25)

d. The AHA Treasurer will be an ex-officio member of the Internal Audit Committee and will be the committee's Board Liaison.

e. The term to be concurrent with their membership on the Board of Directors. (BOD 8/16) The Internal Audit Committee shall elect their own chair.

23. **JUDGES SELECTION COMMITTEE (TIER "A")**

a. Selects the judges required for the National Shows from the approved National/Regional Judges lists provided by the Commissioner, who complies the list from various sources and personal knowledge up to eighteen (18) months in advance. Exception: Specialty judges can be hired up to twenty-four (24) months in advance of the national competition. (Res. 3-24)

b. In the event that fewer than the required number of Judges are available from the AHA National/Regional Judge List, then the Selection Committee may select from the AHA Accredited List of Registered (R) judges only after exhausting the list of all AHA National/Regional Judges, in that order. (Res. 3-24)

c. At least thirty (30) days prior to finalizing their selections and assignments the Selection Committee must provide a confidential list of the individuals proposed by the Committee and their proposed assignments to the AHA Commissioner for comment or other input to the Judges Selection Committee. (Res. 3-24)

d. The Selection Committee, with input from the Commissioner, will have the final responsibility for the selection and assignment of Judges for National Events. (Res. 3-24)

e. The Selection Committee is to make selection of a Judge for any other AHA sponsored functions as directed by the Commissioner, Executive Committee, Board of Directors, or Convention actions.

f. Members of this Committee may not exhibit at any functions for which they select or hire the Judge(s).

g. The National Show Commissions will be asked to provide input into steward and technical delegate selection. (Res. 3-24)

h. The six (6) members are elected by the Convention Delegates for three-year rotating terms. Members of this committee may not serve more than six (6) consecutive years except that a member that has served less than six (6) years may run and if elected, serve their full term. (Res. 16-22) Terms commence on **January 1** following election.
   1) Any vacancy of more than two (2) months that occurs between Conventions will be filled on an interim basis, upon recommendation of the Commissioner, by the President with approval of a majority of the Board of Directors. (Res. 3-24)
   2) The Commissioner can recommend removal by the Executive Committee of a Selection Committee member for cause, after a review of the facts by the Review Committee. (Res. 3-24)

i. Members of this committee will be ineligible to serve on any other Judges and Stewards committees or commissions or to serve on any National Show Commissions.

j. The Judges Selection Committee will coordinate with the Commissioner. (Res. 3-34)

k. At the Annual Convention after the election results are known and before **December 15** of each year, the Committee shall elect one of its members to serve as Chair.

l. For complete rules refer to Resolution 5-90 as amended.

24. **JUDGES & STEWARDS STEERING COMMITTEE (TIER "A")**

a. Encourages licensed judges and stewards to convey reasonable concerns relative to the judges and stewards' areas of responsibility to the Steering Committee and then from the Committee to the Commissioner. (Res. 3-24)

b. The Commissioner may bring judges and stewards concerns to the Steering Committee for their consideration and input. (Res. 3-24)

c. This committee will seek to ensure that all approved judges and stewards are knowledgeable of, and adhere to, the Officials Code of Conduct. (Res. 3-34)

d. The committee will assist in communication between the Commissioner and the judges and stewards in an effort to improve understanding and cooperation.

e. This committee is encouraged to provide material/notices to be included in the Commissioner's newsletter and/or AHA electronic communications distributed to the Judges and Stewards. (Res. 3-24)

The nine (9) members of this Committee will be elected by their peers to serve three-year staggered terms according to the following procedures: (Res. 3-24)

1) Seven (7) currently licensed USEF or EC Arabian Judges. To be elected by AHA Approved Judges according to current procedures established for the Judges & Stewards Steering Committee.
2) Two (2) currently licensed Category 2 USEF Stewards or EC Stewards. To be elected by AHA approved Stewards from those Stewards which officiated at least two (2) AHA events in the prior year, using procedures similar to those used to elect Judges. Members of this Committee will be ineligible to serve on any other Judges or Stewards committees or commissions.
3) A Chair of the Education and Evaluation Commission will serve as a non-voting member/liaison of the Steering Committee.
4) Terms commence on January 1st of the year following the election.
5) An individual can serve no more than three (3) consecutive 3-year terms.
6) Any vacancy of more than two (2) months that occurs between Conventions will be filled on an interim basis, upon recommendation of the Commissioner, by the President with approval of a majority of the Board of Directors.
7) The Commissioner can recommend removal by the Executive Committee of a Steering Committee member for cause, after a review of the facts by the Review Committee.

h. A member of the Executive Committee designated by the AHA President will be designated as the liaison for the matters of concern to the members of this Committee. (Res. 3-34)

i. On or before **December 15** of each year, the Committee shall elect one of its members to serve as Chair. (BOD 1/98)

j. For complete rules refer to Resolution 5-90 as amended.

25. **LOCAL LEVEL COMMITTEE (TIER "A") (BOD 11/20)**

Shall be responsible for creating, executing, and growing interest in the Arabian horse in each respective region.

a. The committee will seek best practices from members and will share with other committee members.

b. Each committee member works diligently under the guidance of the Committee Chair and with the direction of their Regional Director and Club Presidents to generate interest, create exposure and encourage ownership and participation in breed activities/events for the Arabian horse by utilizing the resources designed and recommended by AHA.

c. Members must make application and be approved by the Chair to be listed on the Local Level Committee.

26. **MARKET DEVELOPMENT & PROMOTION COMMITTEE (TIER "A")**

Shall be responsible for guiding Arabian Horse Association's marketing and promotional activities relating to the Arabian, Half-Arabian and Anglo-Arabian Horse. The committee shall formulate marketing and promotional plans for Arabian Horse Association and shall develop specific marketing and promotional activities. When a majority of the Market Development and Promotion Committee approves a marketing or promotional activity, the committee shall solicit funds from the following sources to fund the implementation of such approved activity:

1. The Purebred Arabian Trust. The Trustees shall determine whether, and to the extent, the specific activity serves the interest of the purebred Arabian Horse and determines what portion, if any, of the solicited amount of funding it shall contribute to the activity, which determination shall be in the sole discretion of the Trustees.

2. The Designated Fund. Arabian Horse Association shall establish a designated fund (the "Designated Fund") comprised of the Designated Revenues for use by the Market Development and Promotion Committee. The Board of Directors shall determine whether, and to the extent, an activity proposed by the Market Development and Promotion Committee should be supported by the Designated Fund.

3. The General Funds of Arabian Horse Association. The Board of Directors shall determine whether, and to the extent, that activities should be supported by the general funds of Arabian Horse Association.

The Committee members will be determined according to the AHA Bylaws. On or before **December 15** of each year, the Committee shall elect one of its members to serve as Chair. For terms refer to Bylaws Article XI, Section 4, Paragraph A.

27. **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE (TIER "B")**

a. Obtains and studies data relating to Member Organizations subject to revocation of charter with AHA and recommends to the Annual Convention the committee's findings in accordance with Article IV, Section 2, Paragraph f. of the AHA Bylaws.

b. Coordinates the efforts of the Association to increase its membership in all member categories recognized by AHA.

28. **NATIONAL SHOW COMMISSIONS (TIER "A")**

Promotes, regulates, operates and manages the National Championship Horse Show and designates committees as necessary with the following limitations: the budget for each show shall be submitted to and approved by the AHA Board of Directors; the commission shall be bound by the Bylaws of AHA and the resolutions of the membership and the motions of the AHA Board of Directors adopted in accordance with such Bylaws.

a. **Sport Horse National Show Commission -** No more than six members elected by Board of Directors for three-year rotating terms.

b. **U.S. National Show Commission -** No more than seven members elected by the Board of Directors for three-year rotating terms. (BOD 11/21)

c. **Youth/Mid-Summer National Show Commission -** No more than six members elected by Board of Directors for three-year rotating terms.

Starting in 2020 (not retroactive), each year members are elected by the Board of Directors for three-year rotating terms. Elected members will be limited to three (3) consecutive terms (Any current commissioner will be allowed to serve out their current term even if it exceeds the 9-year limit). (BOD 8/19) No more than two members per Region. National Show Commission members may be allowed to serve on multiple Commissions. (BOD 8/19) The Chair and Vice-Chair for each of the Show Commissions will be appointed by the AHA President from the elected commission with input from the individual commissions. The AHA Treasurer will be an ex-officio member of the National Show Commissions. The AHA Director of National Events has a voting seat on each of the National Show Commissions. (BOD 11/19) The U.S. National Show Commission members will have final approval of any proposed representative(s) that the Arabian Professional Horsemen Association (APAHA) puts forward. Those APAHA representatives approved by the show commission will have one (1) vote collectively on the U.S. National Show Commission. The APAHA representative(s) may not serve in the advisory role with the show commission while adjudicating at that year's U.S. Nationals. (BOD 11/24)

29. **NATIONAL SHOWS DIRECTORATE (TIER "A") (BOD 8/19) (BOD 11/19)**

Acts in an Advisory Capacity, Policy Setting and supporting roles for all National Show Commissions. Maintains the National Event Operational Procedures (NEOP) Manual. Voting members to be composed of:

1. Chair and Vice Chair of each National Show Commission
2. AHA Treasurer
3. AHA Director of National Events
4. Chair of Competition Advisory
5. President of APAHA or designee
6. Chair of Budget & Finance (BOD 3/25)
7. Exhibitor Committee representatives as warranted - Non-Voting

The Chair and Vice Chair position to be appointed by the AHA President.

30. **NOMINATING COMMITTEE (TIER "A")**

a. The Nominating Committee shall primarily serve as a credentialing committee.

b. The Nominating Committee members and procedures are determined according to the AHA Bylaws.

31. **PROBABLE CAUSE PANEL (TIER "A") (Res. 68-90)**

a. Reviews all ethical complaints properly filed with AHA and makes a determination whether or not there are reasonable grounds to believe an infraction of the AHA Code of Ethics and Sportsmanship exists, and whether the alleged infraction, if proved, is of sufficient importance to AHA that it should go before the Ethical Practice Review Board for hearing.

b. Consists of three members, all of whom shall be members of Member Organizations with AHA for the duration of their terms of office. One member of the Probable Cause Panel must be an attorney.

c. No member of the Probable Cause Panel may simultaneously serve on the Ethical Practice Review Board. The AHA Executive Committee members may not serve on the Probable Cause Panel and the Executive Committee at the same time. (Res. 7-01)

d. The members of the Probable Cause Panel shall be elected by Convention Delegates to serve three-year rotating terms with one term expiring each year.

e. Members of the Probable Cause Panel are eligible for election to an unlimited number of terms.

f. At the Annual Convention after the election results are known and before **December 15** of each year, the Panel shall elect one of its members to serve as Chair and one of their members to serve as Vice-Chair.

32. **PROFESSIONAL HORSEMEN COMMITTEE (TIER "B")**

a. Sets up standards of conduct and ethics typical of a professional group.

b. Investigates possibilities of group insurance and/or retirement benefits.

c. Promotes and extols sportsmanship and fair play both on and off the show grounds and suggests programs whereby their knowledge and experience may be imparted to appropriate groups of AHA.

33. **RACING COMMITTEE (TIER "A")**

a. Shall be responsible for the promotion, coordination, and general oversight of Arabian Horse racing in the United States.

b. The committee shall advise Arabian Horse Association's Executive Committee, the Purebred Arabian Trust Trustees, and the Market Development and Promotion Committee on matters related to Arabian Horse racing and shall suggest programs and prioritize, develop, and obtain funding for action plans that will improve Arabian Horse racing in the United States.

c. The Racing Committee shall be composed of no more than five (5) nor less than three (3) members, who shall be the members of the Arabian Jockey Club Board of Directors. (Res. 1-24)

d. The Committee members and procedures are determined according to the AHA Bylaws.

e. On or before **December 15** of each year, the Committee shall elect one of its members to serve as Chair.

34. **REGISTRATION COMMISSION (TIER "A")**

a. Oversees the rules, policies, practices, and procedures applied to the registration and related matters of Arabian Horses (the "Arabian Horse Registry") and the rules, policies, practices, and procedures applied to the registration and related matters of Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Horses (the "Half-Arabian/Anglo Horse Registries").

b. The Commission shall recommend modifications to the fee schedules for registration services carried on by each of the Registries and oversee, maintain & improve the performance of the Arabian Horse Registry, the Half-Arabian, and Anglo-Arabian Horse Registries.

c. The Commission shall have absolute and final authority to interpret, modify or amend rules, policies, practices, and procedures applied to registration.

d. Shall direct the development of techniques and implement improvements required to meet the needs of conducting the registries.

e. The Commission members and procedures are determined according to the AHA Bylaws.

f. On or before **December 15** of each year, the Commission shall elect one of its members to serve as Chair.

35. **RESOLUTION 5-90 COMMITTEE (TIER "A") (BOD 11/24)**

1. The responsibilities of this committee are as follows:

a. Uses best practices and evaluates the entire resolution of 5-90 and reviews its objects, goals, and accomplishments.

b. Reviews the financial impact of 5-90.

c. Reviews the processes and functions within the parameters of the document.

d. Researches the possibility of any changes to 5-90 and/or committees/commissions that are associated with 5-90 and/or the commissioner's office.

2. The Committee will be composed of five (5) voting members:

a. Chair of the Education and Evaluation Commission (non-elected).,

b. One show manager or show secretary (See definition in CBP 111.13, c., iii.),

c. One active breeder (See definition in CBP 111.13, c., ii.),

d. One active professional trainer.,

e. One active adult amateur exhibitor (See definition in CBP 111.13, c., i.),

f. Except for the Chair of the EEC, members of this committee cannot serve on any other committees or commissions that fall under the jurisdiction of Resolution 5-90.

3. The four committee members to be elected by the Board of Directors for alternating three-year terms. They can serve a maximum of three (3) three-year terms.

36. **SPORT HORSE COMMITTEE (TIER "B")**

a. Studies and makes recommendations in regard to the promotion of the Arabian/Half Arabian/Anglo Arabian sport horse and conducts any approved programs as necessary. Monitors and makes any changes as appropriate or necessary to continue to improve the USEF Arabian/Half Arabian/Anglo Arabian sport horse division rules (includes Sport Horse Showmanship, Sport Horse Under Saddle Walk/Trot, and Carriage Driving).

37. **USEF ARABIAN DIVISION COMMITTEE (TIER "A")**

a. Keeps informed on the desires and views of the membership regarding show rules.

b. Presents to USEF, for their consideration, any rule changes deemed necessary from the AHA Convention.

c. Disseminates information on rules and rule changes. (Res. 1-99)

d. Recommendations to the USEF for appointment to its Arabian Committee shall be accomplished in accordance with the USEF Constitution. (Refer to AHA Bylaws, Article XI, Section 1)

38. **WORKING WESTERN COMMITTEE (TIER "B")**

a. Studies and makes recommendations regarding the promotion of Arabian/Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian reining, trail, western riding, working cow horses, reined cow horses, herd work, team penning, ranch sorting, ranch horse classes, gymkhana and cutting, and

b. Conducts any approved programs as necessary. (BOD 5/07)

c. The Rules contained within the Arabian Working Western Rules (AR-WW) section of the USEF rulebook may be amended as necessary by the Arabian Working Western Committee with the approval of the Arabian Horse Association's Education and Evaluation Committee. (Res. 13-22)

39. **YOUTH COMMITTEE (TIER "B")**

a. Promotes the interest of youth in the ownership and use of the Arabian/Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Horse.

b. Encourages youth to participate in shows, events, programs and in the fields of horse science, management, training and judging.

c. Mentors the AHYA Board of Directors and guides the AHYA in regulations, rules and AHA policies.

d. Along with the volunteers the committee will include the AHA Vice President, the ~~Executive Director~~ Chief Executive Officer and the AHA Youth Coordinator.

e. Works with USEF/EC Rules and Equitation/Showmanship Committee as well as the Hunter and Jumper Committee.

CBP 112. AD HOC AND TASK FORCES

Ad Hoc and Task Forces will include AHA members and other industry professionals as assigned by the President.

CBP 113. ARABIAN HORSE FOUNDATION

The Arabian Horse Foundation is the philanthropic arm of the Arabian Horse Association. The Foundation has a board of trustees separate from the Arabian Horse Association.

1. Key funding focus areas for the Foundation are:
    a. Youth programs, which includes scholarships; and
    b. Public Education about the history of the breed and its tremendous usefulness; and
    c. Equine Research, focusing particularly on diseases and problems associated with the Arabian breed.
2. Donors may restrict a gift to any of the key funding focus areas. The Arabian Horse Foundation is a 501(c)(3) and as such all donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Refer to www.thearabianhorsefoundation.org.